# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5070
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2001
NATIONAL FILM AWARDS
M.V.V.S MURTHI;PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether some members of the Jury for National Film Awards had expressed serious objections against the procedure followed for making the selections and have tendered their resignation;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the procedure prescribed, if any for nominating members of the Jury; and

(d) the details of the composition of the present Jury including their background, qualifications and the persons recommending their names for the purpose?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a), (b), (c) and (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UN-STARRED QUESTION NO. 5070 FOR ANSWER ON 20.04.2001

Out of 17-member jury constituted by the Government for deciding the 48th National Film Awards for the Feature Film category, 3 members disassociated themselves at the last stage of the deliberations, as they did not agree with the views of the majority of the members. Two of these members later sent their resignation from the jury. No communication has been received from the third jury member. As per the regulations of the National Film Awards, the jury functions independently and determines its own work procedure. The Government does not interfere in the functioning or deliberations of the Jury.

2. As per the National Film Awards Regulations, the Jury is constituted by the Directorate of Film Festivals with the approval of the Government from among persons distinguished in the field of cinema, other allied arts and humanities.

3. The names and qualifications of the members of the Jury under Feature Film Category are as under :-

| S.No. | Name | Background/field |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Mrs. Vaijayantimala Bali, Chairperson | Leading actress of Hindi Cinema/Dancer/Ex-MP |
| 2. | Smt. Chitra Desai | Lawyer and Poet |
| 3. | Shri Mac Mohan | Actor from Hindi Cinema |
| 4 | Mrs. Sonali Kotnis | Editor of a Cinema magazine/column |
| 5 | Ms. Madhu Mita Raut | Eminent Odissi dancer |
| 6 | Ms. Nivedita Pradhan | Lawyer and MLA |
| 7 | Shri Sushant Mishra | Award winning film director |
| 8 | Smt. Parvati Indusekar | Lawyer |
| 9 | Shri Kothandaramaiah | Film graduate from Chennai Film Institute, Producer, Director, Exhibitor, President of the South Indian Film Chamber of Commerce. |
| 10 | Shri Hariharan | Award Winning Film Director |
| 11 | Shri Shashi Ranjan | Film graduate from Pune Film Institute/Actor/TV Producer |
| 12 | Shri Tarun Vijay | Editor of a leading Hindi News Paper; Film Critic; has served as jury member previously. |
| 13 | Shri Pawan Kumar | Producer from Hindi Cinema |
| 14 | Shri Pradeep Kishan | Award winning Film Director |
| 15 | Shri Dhritiman Chatterjee | Actor from Bengal Cinema |

16 Shri Shashi Anand Film graduate from Pune Film Institute/Cinematographer
17 Shri R. Lakshman Film Producer from Bangalore